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CINCPAC FOR J471/J01; SECDEF FOR ISA (SA)/DSAA; JCS FOR J5

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SUBJ: REDUCTION IN MAAGS

REF: A. CINCPAC 192214Z AUG 76 (NOTAL)

B. ODRI LTR OF 29 JUN 76 (NOTAL)

C. ODRI 1331135Z AUG 76 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY DOES NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE THAT SECURITY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT BE PROVIDED TO NEPAL, SRI LANKA AND AFGHANISTAN FROM NEW DELHI, AS RECOMMENDED IN REF A.

2. IT IS A CURRENT POLICY OF EMBASSY NEW DELHI NOT TO EXPAND AND/OR TAKE ON ANY ADDITIONAL REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. ONE REASON FOR THIS IS THE DELICACY OF RELATIONS AMONG THE STATES IN THE SUBCONTINENT. ANOTHER REASON IS THAT STATE OF INDO-US RELATIONS WILL NOT SUPPORT A LARGER US PRESENCE IN INDIA; IN FACT OUR CURRENT EFFORTS ARE TO REDUCE THAT
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PRESENCE. WE BELIEVE FIRST REASON ABOVE WOULD ALSO

BE APPLICABLE TO ANY INCREASE OF REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FROM EMBASSY ISLAMABAD IN THESE MATTERS. WHILE THE SCOPE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED TO NEPAL, AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCE B, IS CONSIDERED MINIMAL, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS ADDITIONAL FUNCTION ALSO CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY MAAG (ODRI) FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE.

3. THE EMBASSY MAINTAINS THAT THE MAAG (ODRI) RECOMMENDED STAFFING CONTAINED IN REF C IS ADEQUATE TO CARRY OUT THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS FOR GOI, AS CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED.

4. BECAUSE OF POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN EITHER TO HAVING EMBASSY TEHRAN PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT FOR NEPAL, AFGHANISTAN AND SRI LANKA OR CINCPAC PROVIDING SUPPORT THROUGH PERIODIC TDY WHICH WOULD OFFER ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ORIENTATION AND VISITS TO INDIA AND OTHER SOUTH ASIA COUNTRIES BY CINCPAC AND STAFF.
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